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#### CANADA.

## Inspection of immigrants at Quebec.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Billings reports as follows: Month of July, 1904. Number of immigrants inspected, 896; number passed, 870; number rejected 26.

Inspection of immigrants at Victoria.

Assistant Surgeon Glover reports as follows: Month of July, 1904. Number of immigrants inspected, 310; number passed, 293; number detained, 17.

#### COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Certificates for passengers for ports in the Canal Zone—Immunity certificates.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports, July 29, as follows: I have to acknowledge the receipt of Bureau letter of the 15th instant directing me to use personal certificate, form No. 148, for all passengers leaving this port for ports in the Canal Zone.

Surg. H. R. Carter also requests me to give certificates of immunity

to such passengers as in my opinion are so entitled.

Both of these matters will be properly attended to.

#### CUBA.

### $Report\ from\ Habana.$

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports, July 28, as follows: Week ended July 23, 1904. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 16; crew of outgoing vessels inspected, 721; passengers of outgoing vessels inspected, 413.

Mortuary report of Habana during the week ended July 23, 1904.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis Bronchitis Meningitis Jancer Enteric fever Cachexia Frippe Pneumonia Pernicious fever Enteritis Dysentery	18 4 4 4 2 1 8

Number of deaths from all causes, 99.

Case taken from steamship Santiago, from Tampico, held for observation.

Week ended July 30, 1904. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 26; crew of outgoing vessels inspected, 1,128; passengers of outgoing vessels inspected, 566; pieces of freight passed, 750. One man of the crew with high fever was landed from the Ward Line steamship *Santiago*, which arrived at this port on August 1 from Tampico, Mexico. He was taken by the Cuban service to Las Animas Hospital for observation.

Mortuary report of Habana during week ended July 30, 1904.

Disease.	Number of deaths
uberculosis	
feningitis	
feningitis Fronchitis	
neumonia	
ancer	
feasles	
Interic fever	
Interitis	
eprosy	
angrene.	

Total number of deaths, 96.

Report from Matanzas—Scarlet fever epidemic—Enteric fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, August 3, as follows: During the week ended July 30, 1904, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels bound for ports in the United States in good sanitary condition.

Since my last report there have been reported 4 cases of enteric fever with 1 death, 1 case of diphtheria, and 9 new cases of scarlatina, of which one occurred at the neighboring town of Ceiba Mocha, and the rest in this city.

As predicted at the beginning of the present outbreak of scarlet fever, judging from the deficient prophylactic measures which are being resorted to, the epidemic is already so widely disseminated throughout the city that it may be considered beyond control. Fortunately the nature of the epidemic is so benign that no deaths so far have been reported from this disease. The fact of its mild character, apparently not requiring any medical attendance, added to the non-occurrence of any deaths, have made the lower class of people somewhat unconcerned about the danger of the disease; and in order to avoid the annoyance of sanitary restrictions they have tried successfully to conceal some cases, taking no precautions whatever as to isolation, and have thus contributed to the propagation of the disease.

The increase in the number of cases of enteric fever, possibly due to improper attention to cleanliness and sanitation of the city, is also to be noted.

Mortuary statistics of the city of Matanzas from July 20 to 31, 1904.

Causes of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Hemorrhage cerebral. Bacillosis Senility	3 2	64 27 154
Tetanus, infantile. Bright's disease. Infection, puerperal. Fever, enteric	1 1 1	72 120 137
Athrepsia Enteritis acute. Meningitis	1	105 105 61
Total	13	

Annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 9.88; estimated population, 48,000.

Compared with previous reports for the same month these statistics show a remarkably low rate of mortality.